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SUBJECT: HURRICANE STUDIES FOR CANAL OPERATIONS

1. THE CORPS OF ENGINEERS HAS REQUESTED THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE (NWS)/NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION (NOAA)/COMMERCE TO MAKE STUDIES CONCERNING POTENTIAL EXTREME RAINFALLS FOR DRAINAGES ABOVE DAMS INVOLVED WITH THE PANAMA CANAL OPERATIONS. MR. JOHN T. RIEDEL, CHIEF OF THE HYDROMETEOROLOGICAL BRANCH OF THE OFFICE OF HYDROLOGY IN THE NWS/ WASHINGTON, D.C., WILL HOLD DISCUSSIONS WITH BILL SHAW AND MIKE HART OF THE METEOROLOGICAL AND HYDROGRAPHIC BRANCH OF THE PANAMA CANAL COMPANY, BALBOA HEIGHTS, CZ, STARTING ABOUT SEPTEMBER 12 AND LASTING THROUGH SEPTEMBER 16.

2. FOR SUCH STUDIES IT IS IMPORTANT THAT NWS EVALUATE THE RAINFALL POTENTIAL FROM A TROPICAL CYCLONE
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OR HURRICANE "HITTING" THE NORTH COAST OF PANAMA. SUCH AN EVENT TOOK PLACE IN NOVEMBER 1969. IT WILL BE IMPORTANT IN THESE STUDIES TO OBTAIN RAINFALL OBSERVATIONS MADE IN PANAMA AND COSTA RICA BETWEEN NOVEMBER 20-27, 1969. TO DO THIS MR. RIEDEL WILL MAKE A TRIP TO THE INSTITUTE OF HYDROLOGICAL RESOURCES AND ELECTRIFICATION,

PANAMA, AND THE NATIONAL METEOROLOGICAL INSTITUTE,
SAN JOSE, SOMETIME DURING THE ABOVE PERIOD OR AFTER
DEPARTURE FROM BALBOA HEIGHTS.

3. ALL CONCERNED HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED. NO ASSISTANCE
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